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----- SUMMARY -----

1.(C) In a July 14 meeting with the Ambassador and in a July 17 briefing for Special Envoy Gray and Eurasian Energy Coordinator Mann, TNK-BP CE

----- AAR TURNS UP THE HEAT -----

2.(C) On July 23 a Tyumen court ruled in favor of Tetlis, a minority shareholder of TNK-BP that had sought to block continued employment of 148

3.(C) According to Dudley, this case is part of the continued campaign of administrative and PR pressure against BP and the foreign staff of TN

4.(C) In all, as of July 24, according to TNK-BP Vice President for International Affairs Shawn McCormick, 363 expat BP staff and family member

5.(C) Included among those with an uncertain future is Dudley, who was given a 10 day "transit" visa on July 18. Dudley was told he can work or

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6.(C) Dudley, who was also recently slapped with a discrimination suit by some of his Russian employees, told the Ambassador that AAR's main pr

7.(C) Dudley said he believes (although he admitted "some people disagree") that AAR is acting with direct cooperation from the GOR, including

8.(C) Dudley said AAR partner Viktor Vekselberg is the only shareholder with whom he has a civil relationship. He claimed Vekselberg had told h

9.(C) Fearing that he may not have been able to return to Russia if he left, Dudley said he participated in the July 11 shareholders meeting in

10.(C) Dudley compared the situation faced by his company to the nationalization of the oil industry in Venezuela, and said he wasn't hopeful t

----- BP POWER STRUGGLE? -----

11.(C) In a July 21 meeting, Kremlin critic and former Deputy Energy Minister Vladimir Milov told Ambassadors Gray and Mann that his understand

----- COMMENT -----

12.(C) The central role being played in this affair by the Federal Migration Service undermines GOR claims that it is not involved and lends fu